

# 日本陸軍兵諸士ニ告グ

「ラビール」コギルワ「コブナ」戦線ニ於テ一命ヲ辛クモ完ウシタ  
 キミ等ノ戦友ハ聯合國空軍ノ勇猛極マル連続空襲  
 ニ対シテ日本空軍ハ殆ンド其ノ姿ヲ現サナカッタ事ヲ傳  
 ヘルダラウ。

又「ラ」正増援ノ爲二月二十八日「ラ」ハシル「ラ」出発シタ護送船  
 團カ「ラ」ビスマルク「ラ」海ニテ炸爆下ニ全滅サレシト「ラ」豫期  
 シ聯合國ノ飛行場ヲ襲ヒ以テ敵機ノ離陸ヲ防止セン  
 トシタ日本空軍ハ一機スラ無カッタ。何ント不思儀デハナイカ。

近頃聯合軍基地ヲ攻画シ来ル日本機ノ數ハ至ツテ  
 僅少。夜間高空ヨリ盲爆ヲ試ミルノミデアル。嘗ニ  
 昨年九月七日以來日本機ニシテ晝間「ラ」モレスビー「ラ」爆画ヲ  
 敢行シタモノハナイ。

以上、如ク日本軍部ハ地上部隊ヲ「ラ」名譽ノ戦死ノ名目ノ  
 下ニ大死ヲサセル。一方空軍ハ其ノ任ヲ果サズ。戦斗ヲ  
 避ケテ「ラ」ル「ラ」ハナイカ。

此ノ原因ハ日本空軍ガ「ラ」ア「ラ」ニシマシ「ラ」島「ラ」ニ「ラ」ギ「ラ」ア「ラ」ビル「ラ」マ「ラ」チ「ラ」モ「ラ」ル  
 等有「ラ」ユル「ラ」方「ラ」回ニ戦斗カヲ分散スル「ラ」ト「ラ」ヨリ「ラ」効果「ラ」的「ラ」行動「ラ」ガ  
 不可能ノ爲「ラ」テ「ラ」カ「ラ」ラ「ラ」ウ「ラ」カ。或ハ飛行士「ラ」怯懦ノ爲「ラ」テ「ラ」ア「ラ」ラ「ラ」ウ「ラ」カ。  
 何レニセヨ聯合國空軍ハ憫笑セザル「ラ」得「ラ」ナイ。

## TO THE MEN OF THE JAPANESE ARMY

The few of your comrades who managed barely to escape with their lives in the battles of RABI, GIRUWA and BUNA will tell you that in the face of the intrepid and continuous air attack of the United Nations' Air Force, hardly a Japanese plane was seen in the air.

Again, in the case of the convoy which left RABAU on 28th February to reinforce LAE, the Japanese Air Force, which must have foreseen its total destruction in the Bismark Sea, did not send a single aircraft to attack United Nations bases and prevent enemy planes from taking off. This is surely strange.

Recently, the number of Japanese aircraft attacking Allied bases has been extremely small. They have been limited to a few which come over at night at a high altitude and drop their bombs blindly. In fact, no Japanese aircraft has bombed MORESBY in daylight since 7th September last year.

Thus, while the Japanese military authorities make their ground forces die a dog's death in the guise of a "glorious death on the battlefield", the Air Force does not fulfil its duty and avoids battle.

Is the reason for this situation to be found in the wide dispersal of Japan's air strength over many areas, such as the Aleutians, New Guinea, Burma and Timor, making effective action impossible? Or is it due to the pusillanimity (KYODA) of the airmen?

Whatever the reason, the United Nations Air Forces cannot but smile pityingly.